

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of Application of: Venugopal K. NAIR, et al.
Application No.: 10/530,073 Group Art No.: 1648
Filed: September 8, 2005 Examiner: Sharon L. Hurt
For: ASSAY METHODS FOR DETECTION OF A VIRUS IN AN AVIAN
TISSUE SAMPLE
Confirmation No.: 7581
Customer Number: 25291

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 14, 2008

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 19, 2008, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net additional claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any additional fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-1425.

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Remarks begin on page 5.